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REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, the drawings, specification and claims 1, 38, and 52 have been amended, and claims 10 and 58-60 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and new claims 30-32 have been added. Claims 1-9, and 11-57 are pending and under consideration.

I. Objections to the Drawings

The drawings stand objected to because they include reference numerals not mentioned in the description. A Replacement Sheet has been included herein to remove reference numeral 381 from FIG. 2A. The specification has been amended to include description of reference numeral 311 of FIG. 2C. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. Objections to the Specification

The abstract of the disclosure stands is objected to as including legal phraseology. The abstract has been amended to remove the term "Novel". Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The disclosure stands objected to because of informalities. Applicants wish to extend their gratitude to the Examiner for courtesies received in pointing out the informalities. The specification has been amended to change "in tact" to "intact" as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10, 38-40 and 60 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 10, and claim 10 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject

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matter contained therein. Claims 38 and 39 have been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of intervening claim 37 and base claim 1, and independent claim 52 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 58-60, and claims 58-60 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Accordingly, allowance of claims 1-9, and 11-57 is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion


There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to those matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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